

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR CONTINUATION-IN-PART APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR OBTAINING DIGITAL SIGNATURES ON A SINGLE AUTHORITATIVE COPY
OF AN ORIGINAL ELECTRONIC RECORD**

described and claimed in the specification:

- * a. attached hereto.
b. filed on _____ as Application No. _____ and amended on _____ (if applicable).

and that this application in part discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in my or our earlier filed pending application, Application No. 09/993,132, filed November 14, 2001. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I do not know and do not believe that the claimed invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof, or patented or described in a printed publication in any foreign country before my invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, and that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representative(s) or assign(s) more than twelve months (for a utility patent application) or six months (for a design patent application) prior to this application.

Under Title 35, U.S. Code §119, the priority benefits of the following United States provisional application(s) and/or foreign application(s) filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns are hereby claimed:
None

Under Title 35, U.S. Code §120, the priority benefits of the following United States application(s) and/or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns are hereby claimed:

U. S. Application No.: 09/993,132, filed November 14, 2001.

The following application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention were filed in countries foreign to the United States of America either (a) more than one year prior to this application, or (b) before the filing date of the above-named foreign priority application(s) and/or United States provisional application(s):
None

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, U.S. Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 and that is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, that occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application. (37 CFR §1.63(e))

I hereby appoint the following as my attorney of record with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent Office:

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I hereby declare that I have reviewed and understand the contents of this Declaration, and that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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**Note to Inventor(s): Please sign name exactly as it appears above and insert actual date of signing.

IF THERE ARE MORE THAN THREE INVENTORS USE PAGE 3 AND PLACE AN "X" HERE

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Scott G. AINSWORTH, et al.

Application No.:

Docket No.: 0073512

Filed:

For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR OBTAINING DIGITAL SIGNATURES ON A SINGLE AUTHORITATIVE COPY OF AN ORIGINAL ELECTRONIC RECORD

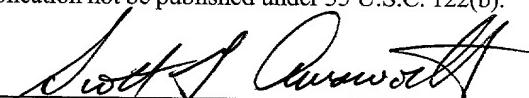
**NONPUBLICATION REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

2/26/2002
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Signature of Inventor

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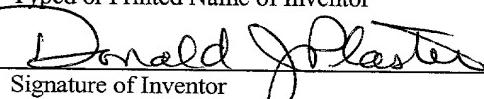


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This request must be signed in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.33(b) and submitted with the application upon filing.

Applicant may rescind this nonpublication request at any time. If the applicant rescinds a request that an application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b), the application will be scheduled for publication at eighteen months from the earliest claimed filing date for which a benefit is claimed.

If applicant subsequently files an application directed to the invention disclosed in the attached application in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing, the applicant **must** notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office of such filing within forty-five (45) days after the date of filing of such foreign or international application. **Failure to do so will result in abandonment of this application (35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii)).**

**STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(c))-SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

Applicant, Patentee, or Identifier: Scott G. Ainsworth, et al.

Application or Patent No.: _____ Attorney Docket No.: 0073512

Filed: _____

Title: **SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR OBTAINING DIGITAL SIGNATURES ON A SINGLE AUTHORITATIVE COPY OF AN ORIGINAL ELECTRONIC RECORD**

I hereby state that I am:

- the owner of the small business concern identified below:
 an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF CONCERN COMPASS TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT, INC.

ADDRESS OF CONCERN 505 Independence Parkway, Suite 101, Chesapeake, VA 23320

I hereby state that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby state that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled: **SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR OBTAINING DIGITAL SIGNATURES ON A SINGLE AUTHORITATIVE COPY OF AN ORIGINAL ELECTRONIC RECORD**, by inventor(s): Scott G. Ainsworth, et al., described in:

- the specification filed herewith.
 application no. _____, filed _____.
 patent no. _____, issued _____.

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

*NOTE: Separate statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averting to their status as small entities (37 CFR 1.27).

- no such person, concern, or organization exists.
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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

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